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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Atsushi MAEDA  
Serial No.: 09/768,472  
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Title: A METHOD FOR BALANCING LOAD ON A PLURALITY OF SWITCHING APPARATUS  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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August 26, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the three months subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action dated April 26, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (referencing attorney docket no. 500.39540X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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